

CLAIMS

1. ~~A jewelry fastener assembly comprising:~~

~~a first member supported on one end of an article of jewelry and a second member supported on an opposite end of the article of jewelry, the first and second members being constructed and arranged to releasably engage each other in a first, engaged position;~~

~~an ornamental enhancer including a third member supported on one side thereof and constructed and arranged to releasably engage the first member, a fourth member supported on another side thereof and constructed and arranged to releasably engage the second member in a second, engaged position; and~~

~~wherein in the second engaged position the enhancer is disposed between the first member and the second member, such that the third member of the enhancer is releasably engaged with the first member of the article of jewelry and the fourth member of the enhancer is releasably engaged with the second member of the article of jewelry.~~

2. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 1, wherein one of the first and second members includes a male, snap-style projection and the other of the first and second members includes a female receptacle constructed and dimensioned to matingly receive the projection therein.

3. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 2, wherein the female receptacle includes an aperture bounded by a raised wall.

4. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 2, wherein one of the third and fourth members includes a male, snap-style projection constructed and arranged to fit within the female receptacle of the first and second member, and the other of the third and fourth members includes a female receptacle configured and dimensioned to matingly receive the projection of the first and second member therein.

1 5. ~~The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 1, wherein the article of jewelry is a necklace.~~

1 6. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 1, wherein the article of jewelry is a bracelet.

1 7. A jewelry fastener assembly comprising:

2 a clasp including:

3 a first member supported on one end of an article of jewelry and a second member
4 supported on an opposite end of the article of jewelry, the first and second
5 members being constructed and arranged to releasably engage each other in a first,
6 engaged position;

7 an ornamental enhancer having a coupling device, the coupling device including:

8 a third member supported on one side thereof and constructed and arranged to
9 releasably engage the first member, a fourth member supported on an other side
10 thereof and constructed and arranged to releasably engage the second member in a
11 second, engaged position; and

12 wherein in the second engaged position the enhancer is supported by the first member and
13 the second member of the clasp, and is releasably engaged therewith.

1 8. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, wherein one of the first and second members
2 includes a male, snap-style projection and the other of the first and second members
3 includes a female receptacle constructed and dimensioned to matingly receive the
4 projection therein.

1 9. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 8, wherein the female receptacle includes an
2 aperture bounded by a raised wall.

1 10. ~~The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 8, wherein one of the third and fourth members~~
2 includes a male, snap-style projection constructed and arranged to fit within the female
3 receptacle of the first and second member, and the other of the third and fourth members
4 includes a female receptacle configured and dimensioned to matingly receive the
5 projection of the first and second member therein.

1 11. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, further comprising an ornamental edge
2 constructed and arranged to at least partially conceal the clasp.

1 12. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, further comprising an ornamental edge
2 constructed and arranged to at least partially conceal the coupling device.

1 13. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, further comprising an ornamental edge
2 constructed and arranged to at least partially conceal both the clasp and the coupling
3 device.

1 14. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, wherein the article of jewelry is a necklace.

1 15. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, wherein the article of jewelry is a bracelet.

1 16. A jewelry fastener assembly comprising:
2 a male snap-style projection supported on one end of an article of jewelry;
3 a female receptacle constructed and arranged to receive the first male snap-style
4 projection in a closed position and supported on an opposite end of the article of jewelry;
5 an ornamental enhancer including a male snap-in projection supported on one side thereof
6 and constructed and arranged to releasably engage the female receptacle of the article of jewelry,
7 a female receptacle supported on an other side of the enhancer and having an aperture therein
8 constructed and arranged to releasably engage the male snap-style projection of the article of
9 jewelry; and

10 wherein in a first secured position the first male snap-in projection is inserted within the
11 first female receptacle such that the piece of jewelry may be worn by a user, and wherein in a
12 second secured position the enhancer is disposed between the one end of the piece of jewelry and
13 the other end of the piece of jewelry and the first male snap-in projection is secured within the
14 second female receptacle and the second male snap-in projection is secured within the first
15 female receptacle.

1 17. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 16, wherein the female receptacle of both the
2 article of jewelry and the ornamental enhancer includes an aperture bounded by a raised
3 wall.

1 18. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, wherein the article of jewelry is a necklace.

1 19. The jewelry fastener assembly of claim 7, wherein the article of jewelry is a bracelet.